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## HORATIO NELSON RUST.

MAJOR HORATIO NELSON RUST died after a lingering illness in South Pasadena, November 14, 1906, at the age of 78 years. Major Rust was widely known for his archæological studies and collections, which at times led him into the realm of folk-lore, as in several papers published by him in recent volumes of anthropological journals. The last contribution from his pen appears in vol. viii, No. 4, of the "*American Anthropologist*." Major Rust was born in Amherst, Massachusetts. In his youth he ardently espoused the antislavery cause, manifesting the same spirit of hatred to oppression which later made him the friend and champion of the Mission Indians of California. John Brown and his sons counted him among their friends and active partisans. During the Civil War he served as acting surgeon in the medical corps, and under Burnside superintended the transportation of the wounded to their homes. He saw service at Antietam, City Point, and Petersburg. Twenty-five years ago Major Rust came to California and settled in South Pasadena. His home has long been noted for the rare and beautiful plants surrounding it. Two wonderful Gold of Ophir rose-bushes planted by Major Rust have become world famous and have been photographed hundreds of times. Major Rust was largely instrumental in the founding of the Pasadena Public Library, and was one of the organizers of the citrus fair in Chicago in 1886. In 1893 he was connected with the Anthropological Department of the World's Fair, where he exhibited an archæological collection which is now at Beloit College. Major Rust's character was one of rare unselfishness and fearlessness. His friendships were numerous and warm. Among the intimate associates of his later years was Mrs. Jessie Benton Frémont. He was always modest and unassuming, and it was but rarely that his friends heard from his own lips of the many acts of philanthropy that characterized him. He was a man that granted many favors, but asked for none. He was a careful student and an indefatigable collector, who collaborated with many of the anthropological institutions of the country. His loss will be keenly felt in archæological circles, especially in Southern California, his chosen home of later years.

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